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PECAN PRELIMINARY SUMMARY 2018

ARIZONA

Arizona's utilized pecan production in 2018 was 25.50 million pounds, down 9 percent from the record high production of 28.00 million pounds in 2017. Bearing acreage was estimated at 17,000 acres, up 6 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 1,500 pounds, down 250 pounds from the previous year.

The 2018 price per pound in Arizona at \$2.03, was \$0.47 lower than in 2017. The value of 2018 Arizona pecan production was \$51.77 million dollars, down 26 percent from 2017.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico's utilized pecan production in 2017 was 90.09 million pounds, down 2 percent from the record high production of 92.00 million pounds in 2017. Bearing acreage was estimated at 45,500 acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 1,980 pounds, down 135 pounds from the previous year.

The 2018 price per pound in New Mexico at \$2.19, was \$0.21 lower than in 2017. The value of 2018 New Mexico pecan production was \$197.30 million dollars, down 11 percent from 2017.

UNITED STATES

Utilized production in 2018 totaled 221 million pounds, down 27 percent from 2017. Bearing acreage was estimated at 398,900, down 1 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 555 pounds per acre, down 198 pounds from the previous year. The value of the crop totaled \$423 million, down 40 percent from the previous season, with an average annual price of \$1.91 per pound.

Improved variety pecan production, at 207 million pounds, declined 26 percent from the previous season. Improved variety pecans account for 94 percent of the US total pecan production. Native and seedling variety production totaled 13.9 million pounds, down 47 percent from 2017.

For a full copy of the *Pecan Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions please contact:

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